Phila Nov. 25th

My dear friend:

I wrote a letter to Mrs Follen on the 19th saying that I had not handed one to Miss Proffit the $10. which I had paid I would, and gave her my reason for so doing. I presumed that she would let you know what I had written; but it seems that she had not done so on the 22nd when you wrote; though I presume she has since.

I withheld the money at the instance of our mutual friend Miss Peck who thought that Mrs F.

had been hastening the payment under an erroneous impression - which interview a few days would probably correct. In other words that Mr & Mrs S. had written a letter to Mrs F about the time that the former had requested the transmission of the money, which letter when received would probably satisfy Mrs F. that there was no occasion for hurrying the payment. at any rate she advised me to wait till I should hear from Mrs F before moving in the premises; on which advice I am now acting, as I have made known to Mrs F. Whether I am

doing right or not. I dont exactly know. Miss A. has felt free to take the responsibility, and I feel at liberty to follow the advice. If I should get a letter from Mrs F. or Mrs Jackson requesting me to pay the payment for him I will thank you to send me a draft for that amount, though the payment shall not be declared till I receive it.

The whole affair, not one clear at first, has put to twisted & obfuscated, by cross letters, hasty interpretations, misunderstandings &c &c. that I should not wonder if

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if you were at a loss to
make it out. Such at any
rate is my case. All I
can do is to stand
still & wait till I
have further orders.

As for telegrams, I am
not a believer in that
subject. It seems to me
that as we use telegraphs
as an active verb, it is
natural to employ the
word telegram when we
use it as an objective noun.
I know we don't say telegram,
but cablegram
were a convincing word
I think the genius of our
language, analogous as it is,
would suggest, if it would not
require some change in the
termination when employed as
a noun. Very truly Yours